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SUBJECT: MBFR: US MANPOWER TOTALS

REF: A. USNATO 5430

B. DEFENSE 4608

1. FOLLOWING RATIONALE MAY BE USED IN EXPLAINING APPARENT

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DISCREPANCY BETWEEN DATA ON US FORCES GIVEN TO NATO FOR

MBFR PURPOSES AND DATA CONTAINED REF B.

2. THERE IS A CONTINUING TURNOVER IN PERSONNEL IN ANY MILITARY ORGANIZATION, DUE TO THE POLICY OF ROTATING PERSONNEL ON A PERIODIC BASIS. IN A FORCE THE SIZE THAT THE US MAINTAINS, NORMAL ROTATION AND ANOMALIES SUCH AS (1) DIFFERENT LENGTHS OF OVERSEAS SERVICE FOR PERSONNEL DEPENDING ON WHETHER THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPENDENTS OR NOT, (2) PERSONAL EMERGENCIES REQUIRING RETURN TO CONUS AND (3) SEASONAL FLUCTUATIONS IN PERSONNEL TRANSFERS (MOST MILITARY PREFER TO BE TRANSFERRED DURING THE SUMMER TO MINIMIZE FAMILY TURBULENCE), COMBINE TO CAUSE RATHER LARGE SWINGS IN THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ON HAND ON ANY GIVEN DATE.

3. THE SNAPSHOT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN EUROPE, TAKEN ON 30 JUNE 1974, REFLECTS SUCH FLUCTUATIONS. THUS IT IS A COUNT OF PERSONNEL ACTUALLY PRESENT ON THAT DATE. OTHER SNAPSOTS COULD SIMILARLY VARY UPWARD.

4. THESE CHANGES OCCUR SO FREQUENTLY THAT IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS, SUCH AS MBFR, ON THE BASIS OF MONTHLY, OR EVEN QUARTERLY SNAPSOTS OF PERSONNEL STRENGTHS.

5. CONSEQUENTLY, THE US HAS PROVIDED, FOR MBFR PURPOSES (REF A), THE OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZED STRENGTH FOR US FORCES IN THE NGA. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, US PERSONNEL STRENGTH WILL APPROXIMATE THIS FIGURE. KISSINGER

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